

FEED THE FUTURE KENYA

USAID works with a host of partners to advance inclusive agriculture-led economic growth, resilience, nutrition, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) in priority countries to help accelerate and protect development progress. The objectives of the Feed the Future initiative in Kenya are to reduce hunger, poverty, and malnutrition. The initiative works with value chain actors including farmers, processors, and financial institutions to enhance the competitiveness of Kenya's agriculture sector. Feed the Future supports innovative, private sector-led solutions and policies to strengthen three core value chains: dairy, horticulture, and livestock, with an additional emphasis on drought-tolerant crops. Responding to COVID-19 related constraints to the Kenyan agriculture sector, \$15.9 million in Feed the Future funding was redirected to ensure timely and continued operation of the food supply chain and exports within the agribusiness sector.



Gladys Toto from Ekitale village in Busia County proudly shows her bull, which is an improved Ayrshire breed. Photo credit/FIPS

Program Areas

Feed the Future aligns with and contributes to the U.S. Government's Global Food Security Strategy objectives to increase inclusive agriculture-led economic growth, resilience of people and systems, and the population's nutritional status, particularly among women and children. Feed the Future seeks to develop and expand market opportunities that incentivize households and smallholder farmers to move into higher value and commercialized value chains, as well as diversifying into higher-return commodities and non-farm activities. Feed the Future seeks to empower women to close the gap in inequalities between men and women's access to productive inputs, such as credit, technology, and extension services, that constrain productivity and profitability and to advance an inclusive and resilient agriculture sector. Feed the Future also focuses on the long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic while promoting inclusive locally led development, food systems approach and climate change response.

Agriculture-led Economic Growth

Creating an enabling environment for private sector investment and allowing markets to function is key to building sustainability and enhancing competitiveness in the domestic, regional, and international markets. Feed the Future seeks to mobilize capital and improve the business and investment enabling climate, as well as invest in new ideas and technologies at scale to improve employment prospects, productivity, and incomes of smallholders across multiple value chains.

By partnering with pivotal public and private sector actors, we are enhancing Kenya's policy reform efforts to transform agricultural growth, such as advancing increased domestic, regional, and export trade. To advance devolution and improve county-level capacity, Feed the Future supported the strengthening of the Agriculture and Arid and Semi-Arid Lands Secretariat within the Council of Governors structure to help foster the commitment of counties to increase their agriculture budget. Feed the Future has also developed well-

FY21 Budget

\$28.3 Million (USD)

Implementing Partners

RTI International
ACDI/VOCA
Palladium
International Livestock Research Institute
United States Department of Agriculture
Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa
Mercy Corps

Partners

Government of Kenya:
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives
Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise
Ministry of Devolution and ASALs
National Drought Management Authority
State Department of Arid & Semi-Arid Lands
National Economic and Social Council
National Treasury
Council of Governors
County Governments
Frontier Counties Development Council
Pest Control Products Board
Horticultural Crops Directorate
Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization
Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service
UN Food and Agriculture Organization
Communities

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structured relationships with the State Departments of Livestock, and Crops and Research to enhance self-reliance through coordination, cooperation, and partnership.

Strengthened Resilience

Building resilience at the household, community, and market-system levels is critical to ensuring that gains achieved are not lost due to market, climate, political or security-related shocks, particularly in the drought-prone northern areas of the country. A fundamental step toward Kenya's pathway to sustainability is the ability of people, communities, and county governments to adapt and/or transform in the face of such shocks.

Supporting a Well-Nourished Population

Feed the Future Kenya promotes nutrition-sensitive agriculture to increase availability and access to nutritious foods for women and children. Activities also focus on women's empowerment, including income generation at the household level. Feed the Future provides women with resources to boost their productivity and incomes, facilitates the growth of women-owned enterprises, and advances women's leadership in the economy.

Results (2021)

Through agriculture production and commercialization interventions, Feed the Future achieved the following:

- Leveraged over \$145.9 million from the private sector to support food security and nutrition.
 - Partnerships with MSMEs, producers, and private sector actors mobilized over \$132.9 million in capital for agriculture investment.
 - Targeted agribusiness had sales worth \$120 million because of USG assistance.
- 453,092 Kenyans reached with new technologies, improved productivity, and business opportunities.
 - 735,727 children under the age of five and 245,958 pregnant women reached with nutrition-specific interventions.